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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## PITTSBURG IN THROES OF FEARFUL FLOOD

Most Disastrous Flood In History of the City.

REPORTED LOST SO FAR

Tributary Along the Upper  
rivers Are Swollen Says Dispatches  
from All Sections in Western Part  
State Overflowing.

Pittsburg, March 15.—Pittsburg is  
the throes of one of its greatest  
floods. The record of ten years has  
been passed and the rivers  
are still rising. If the present rate  
continues, the record of 1884, when  
the water reached the highest stage  
in 1835, will have been passed  
before nightfall. The stage in  
the river was 33 feet and four inches  
on Monday at 10 o'clock the mark  
reached 32 feet with the water creeping  
up at the rate of six inches an  
hour and still rising at all headwater

tributary along the upper  
rivers are swollen and dispatches from  
sections of western Pennsylvania  
the smaller streams beyond  
banks and the surrounding dis-  
amerged.

Weather bureau officials predict 34  
over at Pittsburg.

The stage is reached the flood  
only be the greatest in 75  
years the most disastrous in the  
history of the city.

Deaths are attributed to the  
flood.

Includes the three trainmen  
their lives by the collapse  
farmersville bridge Wednes-  
day when the towboat cruised  
in the Ohio river. The  
trainees reported are:

Weyand, aged 30.

Byers, aged 40; drowned  
Hill creek, near Somerset

going to ford a stream.

Johnston, aged 5 years,  
in Girly's Run, Milvale.

Shuti, aged 7 years, drown-  
ed Baker creek, near Hast-

ville, O., March 15.—Flood  
through Muskingum county  
worse every hour. The  
and Licking rivers are out  
banks in this city, and more  
hundreds homes have been  
by the high water. It is  
that 300 families will be ren-  
less here by Friday, when  
of the flood will be reached.  
Hungarians were drowned  
a result of the flood. A  
more of foreigners were liv-  
house that was surrounded  
Muskingum river overflow dur-  
night. When they started  
to land three were caught in  
current and swept out into the  
channel.

7,000 Men May Strike.

and, Cal., March 15.—Forty-  
thousand men, the member-  
of the Brotherhood of Railway  
men west of Denver, are vot-  
ing to go on strike to gain  
demands for an increased scale  
of wages. The poll, the most ex-  
tensive movement toward a general  
since the American railway  
tie-up of 1894, has not been  
ended. Indications are that the  
ballots will reach the national  
quarters at Cleveland, O., on  
March 25. The issue seemed to de-  
pend mainly on the position taken by  
switchmen's union, which as an  
organization is not recognized. It is  
by either railroad managers or  
Brotherhood of Railway En-

gineers.

Hampton Roads on

the river service for the Georgia.

Washington, March 15.—Arrangements  
have been completed between  
Terrell, of Georgia, and the  
department, whereby the silver  
battleship named  
late will be presented  
Hampton Roads on

## ARE OPENED TO JAP CHILDREN

'Frisco's School Board Has Rescinded  
Segregation Resolution.

San Francisco, Cal., March 15.—  
The San Francisco board of educa-  
tion, keeping its word with President  
Roosevelt, Wednesday unanimously  
rescinded the resolution of last Oc-  
tober by which the Japanese were se-  
gregated in the public schools and  
adopted an alternative resolution in  
accordance with the understanding  
reached at the Washington conference  
between the president, Secretary  
Root, the school board and Mayor  
Schmitz. The board then sent the  
following telegram:

"At a regular meeting of the board  
of education held this afternoon, a  
resolution as agreed upon with you  
was adopted unanimously. Certified  
copy was given to United States Dis-  
trict Attorney Devlin."

The president having telegraphed  
Mayor Schmitz on Wednesday that he  
would direct Mr. Devlin to dismiss  
the suit against the board in the  
United States circuit court and the  
supreme court of California as soon  
as the action stated should be taken  
by the board, members of that body  
look upon the Japanese incident as  
now closed insofar as San Francisco  
is concerned.

There is, however, it is stated,  
an unwritten reservation to the effect  
that should the president's reciproc-  
al promises to the board regarding  
discretionary restriction of coolie im-  
migration to California not be car-  
ried out, the board may feel at lib-  
erty to readopt the resolution and  
again segregate Japanese.

## ROBBERS DECAPITATE VICTIMS.

Horrible Scene Witnessed by Three  
Persons Drives Them Insane.

Yelavetrograd, Russia, March 14.  
—An estate in this vicinity was at-  
tacked by robbers Wednesday, who  
bound and decapitated the proprietor,  
five laborers and a woman. Two  
witnesses of the slaughter, also a  
soldier, who hid in a hay stack and  
a child, lost their reason. The sol-  
dier subsequently died in a hospital  
in delirium. The booty secured by  
the robbers amounted to \$1,000.

On the occasion of the funeral Wed-  
nesday of a prominent reactionary who  
was killed by revolutionists, an at-  
tempt was made to start anti-Jew-  
ish excesses.

The rioters began at Jutz street and  
commenced sacking the bazaar and  
the Jewish lodging, but they were  
stopped in the depredations by the  
prompt intervention of the troops.  
Several Jews were wounded, one of  
whom died in the hospital. The local  
rabbi has telegraphed complaints to  
the lower house of parliament, and to  
Premier Stolypin.

## Fritz Scheff Seriously Ill.

New York, March 15.—Fritz  
Scheff, who had to abandon her tour  
with Mile. Modiste, at Cleveland for  
treatment, is seriously ill with per-  
itonitis at the hotel St. Regis. Her  
manager, Charles E. Dillingham, an-  
nounced last night that she was rest-  
ing easily. The singer's illness was  
at first diagnosed as ptomaine poi-  
soning. Appendicitis was then sus-  
pected. At the St. Regis hotel it  
was said that Miss Scheff's condition  
on Tuesday night was alarming, but  
that she was better Wednesday.

## Volcano In Eruption.

Seattle, Wash., March 15.—Word  
has been received by the Post-Intelli-  
gencer from Valdez, Alaska, that  
the volcano on the island of Akutan,  
off the peninsula of Alaska, and not  
far from Unalaska, was in active  
eruption when the steamer Dora passed  
the island at 2 a. m. of Feb.  
28. All the passengers were aroused  
to witness the sight, which, is said  
to have been a magnificent one. At  
about the same hour, a severe earth-  
quake occurred at Unalaska.

## Will Inaugurate Detective Service.

London, March 15.—A detective  
service, such as is in service in Scot-  
land Yard, is to be inaugurated in  
Spain. In the movement King Al-  
fonso himself is taking a great inter-  
est, and he is being aided in formu-  
lating his plans by Queen Victoria.  
Inspector Arrow, of Scotland Yard  
is said to have been tendered the po-  
sition of chief of the department of  
inspection at a salary of \$5,000.

## ARREST IS MADE OF AUGUSTA MAN

J. S. Nixon Arrested at Instance  
of Government.

EXPRESSES SURPRISE OF ACTION

He Is Charged with Violating the  
Bankruptcy Laws by Accepting  
More Than the Ten Per Cent Due  
Him.

Augusta, Ga., March 15.—J. S.  
Nixon, president of a wholesale gro-  
cery firm, and one of the most promi-  
nent men in the city, was arrested  
on a charge of violating the bankrupt-  
cy laws by accepting more than the  
10 per cent that was due him. The  
case grew out of the failure of the  
H. C. Morrison Supply company.

Nixon was placed under bond for  
his appearance before a United States  
commissioner. The punishment for  
violation of this law is two years in  
the penitentiary without the option of  
a fine.

Mr. Nixon is one of the most promi-  
nent men of the city, in a business  
way, and otherwise. He has several  
brothers who are among the leading  
business and social figures of Augus-  
ta. He is married, and has one son,  
who is away at college. He is also  
head of the Savannah Transportation  
company, which controls the two lines  
of steamers plying between Augusta  
and the coast. He is represented by  
Judge J. R. Lamar. Assistant Dis-  
trict Alex Akerman, of Macon, is in  
the city to represent the government  
at the hearing.

His friends are very indignant over  
the matter, and claim that the  
charges will fall through.

Mr. Nixon expressed great surprise  
at the action taken, as he said he  
had done nothing to violate the law.

He said one of his companies had  
a claim against the H. C. Morrison  
company for a considerable sum, and  
he was asked to sign a petition agree-  
ing to accept a compromise of 10  
cent on the dollar. This he declin-  
ed. Later, he was visited by an at-  
torney representing a number of the  
creditors of the H. C. Morrison com-  
pany, and asked if he would sell his  
claim. Mr. Nixon said that, like  
any other business, after some ne-  
gotiations, the sale was made and he  
transferred the account.

He said he did not know Morrison  
in the transaction, had nothing to do  
with Morrison, and after the sale,  
took no part in accepting or reject-  
ing the compromise which was sub-  
mitted to the court; that he made no  
concealment of what he had done,  
and when other creditors came to him  
to know what steps he proposed to  
take he said that he had been paid  
his claim, and had no further interest  
in the matter.

## Meets Death in Flames.

Kingston, Ga., March 15.—One  
man was burned to death and others  
injured in a freight wreck and fire  
which followed it here at an early  
hour Thursday morning. The dead  
man is Will Maulding, flagman, who  
recently began work for the road.  
After the smash of the trains, fire  
broke out. Maulding, who was pin-  
ioned beneath a car, was burned to  
death. The collision was a rear-  
end smash of two freights on the  
Western and Atlantic railroad, trains  
Nos. 17 and 13 colliding. The in-  
juries sustained by other trainmen  
are not believed to be serious. Their  
names have not been ascertained.  
Several cars were badly damaged by  
the fire before it was finally extin-  
guished.

## Thirteen Killed; 11 Injured.

Johannesburg, Transvaal, March 14.  
—Dr. A. Adam Jameson, ex-commis-  
sioner of lands, was killed, with 12  
other persons, at about midnight, in  
the wreck of a train due to a wash-  
out. Eleven persons were injured.

## Boundary Treaty Ratified.

Buenos Ayres, March 15.—Para-  
guay and Bolivia have ratified the  
boundary treaty which was signed  
here on January 12.

## SHOT HIS WIFE AND WAS FINED

Rotureau Was Sentenced to Pay \$300  
at Savannah, Ga.

Savannah, Ga., March 15.—E. L.  
Rotureau was sentenced by Judge  
George T. Cann, in the superior court  
to pay a fine of \$300.

Rotureau was convicted of shoot-  
ing another, not in his own defense  
and recommended to the mercy of  
the court. The "other" whom he  
shot was his wife, who narrowly es-  
caped death as a result of the wound.  
She is now well, however, and had  
no desire to have her husband prose-  
cuted.

A negro woman was the principal  
witness in the case. She said she  
was present, but did not see the shot  
fired, as she was busy at some work  
and her back was turned. She knew  
all about the dispute leading up to the  
shooting, however, and described the  
manner in which Mrs. Rotureau had  
applied a horsewhip to her husband.  
He had retired temporarily, and she  
had secured a revolver.

When he returned he tried to take  
this from her. A struggle for its  
possession ensued, and Mrs. Rotu-  
reau received the bullet after it had  
passed through the ball of Rotureau's  
hand.

The couple were very well known,  
and the shooting created a sensation  
at the time.

## Will Insist Upon a Change.

Buenos Ayres, March 15.—Rumors  
are afloat to the effect that former  
President Roca, who is expected here  
shortly, will take sides with the au-  
thorities of several provinces against  
the federal government in insisting  
upon a change in the cabinet. The  
former president's arrival here is  
awaited with great interest. He has  
expressed the desire that no demon-  
stration be made in his honor.

## Take the Pledge and Are Discharged.

London, March 15.—The authori-  
ties at various places in England and  
Ireland are trying the plan adopted  
by Judge Pollard, of St. Louis, Mo.,  
of discharging prisoners arrested for  
intoxication on their taking the pledge  
to abstain from drinking and the na-  
tional independent temperance party  
is advocating legislation along this  
line. In several places markedly  
good results have followed applica-  
tions of this method, in one instance  
in Leicester, a confirmed drunkard  
having become a teetotaler and being  
reinstated in a position from which he  
had been discharged because of in-  
temperance.

## Brinson Has \$75,000 Fire.

Brinson, Ga., March 15.—Wednes-  
day afternoon at 3:30 o'clock fire  
broke out in the lumber plant here  
owned by the Stewart Lumber com-  
pany. On account of a stiff wind,  
the fire was uncontrollable for near-  
ly an hour. Three dry kilns and  
quite a large quantity of lumber were  
destroyed. The damage amounted to  
\$75,000, which was partly covered  
by insurance. The fire originated  
from a defective flue.

## A \$20,000 Fire at Elberton.

Elberton, Ga., March 15.—The  
large frame warehouse of the Elber-  
ton oil mill was destroyed by fire  
Wednesday afternoon. The building  
contained several hundred bales of  
lint, a large quantity of soap and stuff  
all destroyed. The total loss is  
about \$20,000.

## Woman Attempts Suicide.

Athens, Ga., March 15.—Mrs. Ed  
L. Taylor, wife of E. L. Taylor, on  
South Lumpkin street, attempted sui-  
cide by using a drug. For a long  
while she was unconscious and criti-  
cal. No cause is known for the at-  
tempt.

## Congressional Party at Panama.

Panama, March 14.—All the mem-  
bers of the congressional party, head-  
ed by Speaker Cannon, expressed  
great surprise Wednesday at the work  
that has been done on the Panama  
canal. The party visited both La-  
Coca, on the Pacific side and the fa-  
mous Culebra cut.

## TERM IN STOCKADE FOR CRUTCHFIELD

Judge Broyles Gives Him Seven  
Days' Sentence.

STRONG REPRIMAND BY JUDGE

Is Also Fined \$100.75 for Striking  
Hon. John Temple Graves—Judge  
Says the Jury Should Have Given  
Him Imprisonment for Life.

Atlanta, March 15.—"Crutchfield,  
the jury jury made a great mistake  
when you were acquitted on the  
charge of shooting your wife. You  
should have been given a long term  
in the penitentiary. I'll impose a  
fine of \$100.75, a term of seven days  
in the stockade, and bind you over  
under \$1,000 bond to the state court  
on the charge of assault and battery  
for the unprovoked assault you made  
on Colonel Graves."

Such was the judgment imposed on  
J. H. Crutchfield by Recorder Broyles  
after hearing the evidence of Colonel  
John Temple Graves, editor of the  
Georgian and News, whom Crutch-  
field struck in the back of his head,  
felling him to his knees, in front of  
Brown & Allen's drug store, at the  
corner of Whitehall and Alabama  
streets early Tuesday afternoon.

Crutchfield appeared at the police  
court before the recorder took his  
seat, as did Colonel Graves and a  
large number of his friends. Crutch-  
field sought Colonel Graves in the  
court room, and apologized for mak-  
ing the assault upon him, declaring  
that he had been misinformed and  
held Colonel Graves responsible for  
articles about him published in the  
Georgian. Colonel Graves, however,  
declined to discuss the matter with  
Crutchfield, further than to say that  
the attack was unprovoked and cow-  
ardly, and that putting aside all per-  
sonal consideration, he owed it as  
a duty to society to appear in court  
against him.

Colonel Graves related the circum-  
stances of the attack, stating that he  
was walking down the street with  
Walter P. Andrews, when, without  
warning, he was felled to his knees  
by a blow delivered with great force  
on the back of his head. Mr. An-  
drews testified as to the attack, his  
striking Crutchfield, and the manner  
in which the latter had backed off  
with his hand on his hip pocket.

"Judge," said Crutchfield, "I plead  
guilty. I was in the wrong, and I  
am sorry it happened. I struck Col-  
onel Graves with my open hand on  
the side of the face, thinking he was  
responsible for what was written  
about me in his paper. I apologized  
when I found out he was not respon-  
sible for it."

"Don't you think you did enough to  
make the papers roast you?" asked  
Judge Broyles.

"They wrote things about me with-  
out talking to me," said Crutchfield,  
exhibiting a newspaper article, the  
head lines of which credited him with  
the statement that he had been  
through hell since he shot his wife.

## She Leaped to Her Death.

Cincinnati, March 15.—Leaping  
head foremost from a window ledge  
on the thirteenth floor of the Trac-  
tion building at Fifth and Walnut  
streets, Gertrude Hanisch, aged 34  
years, a stenographer, committed  
suicide in the sight of hundreds of  
people.

## Withdraws His Resignation.

New York, March 15.—Dr. Henry  
Van Dyke, whose resignation from  
the Princeton faculty was recently  
announced, has withdrawn his re-  
signation in response to an overwel-  
ming demand for the official alumni and  
students of Princeton.

## Will Leave Shortly for Greece.

San Francisco, March 15.—Pro-  
fessor Edward B. Clapp, head of the  
Greek department of the state univer-  
sity, has been appointed professor of  
Greek in the American School of  
Classical studies at Athens. He will  
shortly leave for Greece.